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All three town schools now in full swing



BACK TO SCHOOL - Grade 6 teacher Georgie Pierigny teaches a French class at Westglen School on Sept. 6.

Noel West/MVP Staff

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Schools around town are brimming with pupils again as the summer break is officially over and classes are now in full swing for the new school year.

Didsbury High School has a new shop teacher, Scott Etienne, who has replaced Steve Winters, and Etienne will also be taking over a couple of other classes, along with the usual Career and Technology Studies (CTS), metalworking and woodworking classes, according to principal Garth Dagg.

He added there is also a new educational assistant named Catherine Morgan who started at the end of last year.

Morgan will be working with individuals or small groups of students who may be struggling or who tend to learn differently than other students.

"Because with a group of 25 to 30 kids, it's sure nice having someone able to pull a group aside and help them, and maybe approach (lessons) a little bit differently," said Dagg.

Student athletics will be starting up right away, with cross-country, volleyball and golf, he noted.

There are also a few students who will soon be leaving to attend a national student leadership conference in P.E.I.

"We've got a very strong and active leadership class that does a lot of work," he said, adding that they will be working towards two goals for the year:

looking into various projects, from which they will choose one that helps locally and one that helps somewhere internationally.

"That leadership class will be doing some neat things this year."

The band program is looking like it will be very strong again this year, and the senior band will be building towards a trip to Seattle next spring.

Closer on the horizon, however, is the annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 26, where all three schools will be joining together for a run or walk around town, he said.

Westglen School is also faring well so far, according to principal Carolyn Massel, who took over as principal when Jeff Thompson left at the end of the last school year.

The school brought in a new vice-principal, Jerry Salmon, whose last posting was at the Chinook's Edge School Division central office, and who is also a literacy specialist.

"And that's what our teachers are all focusing on," said Massel.

"We did last year and we continue this year. Of course we have all the balls in the air at the same time, but the one we're really going after is adolescent literacy."

She said though many take reading for granted, it is a skill that has to be built on all the way from kindergarten to Grade 12, and though there are all kinds of classes, the many teachers can each use their class

to help improve reading skills.

Courtney Sheehan, who joined the staff as a teacher, taking over when another teacher left late last year, has also returned for the new year.

"We're quite excited to have her again this year. This is her first classroom of her own. She's brand new and shiny, we're pretty excited to have her," she said.

Sheehan graduated high school in Cremona, attended the University of Lethbridge, worked at Westglen as an educational assistant while finishing her degree, and did some travelling and substitution work before arriving at Westglen last spring, she noted.

"She brings a huge level of enthusiasm to our staff and she's excited to help out with coaching and all those things that make middle school extra fun."

Ms. Dee Van Besouw, who had been working at Ross Ford for a number of years has now joined Westglen full time as an educational assistant.

The school is continuing with the YES Team, which instills some healthy living and positive attitudes in students, and the school is also continuing the YES (Youth Empowerment and Support) program.

"We're looking at doing a few changes in terms of making a majority of those activities school activities," she said.

"We're starting to look at things more drop-in in nature, like something fun to do, and they'll be happening here."

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Schools

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In the past, some events happened at the Zion (Evangelical Missionary) Church but because of transportation issues, the events will now all take place at Ross Ford, she noted.

"Our full slate of team sports will run again this year. We have a field hockey team getting themselves organized here for a grades 5 and 6 girls tournament at the end of this month."

The breakfast program will start near the end of the month along with the school store, she added.

Brent Runnett, principal of Ross Ford Elementary, said though the school has a few less support staff than last year, the teaching staff will have no problem carrying out their duties.

Though teachers will be focusing on literacy again this year, they will also be working with kids to teach them moral intelligences, which, explained

Runnett, teach students the importance of empathy, kindness, respect, conscience, and other moral attributes.

"We're combining those with our social language work and just giving the kids an extra set of skills for how to get along and cooperate with others, what it looks like and sounds like," said Runnett.

It can be helpful to have a program like this, as the dynamics of childhood have really changed, and it ensures all pupils are on a level playing field in those regards, he said.

"What we have found is, as a school community, we see great success out of this and our kids have a better understanding of how to talk, work and play with each other."

The school is now gearing up for activities such as the Halloween parade, the Terry Fox Run, and the White Elephant Sale in early December, he said.



Noel West/MVP Staff

GET DIRTY - A competitor jumps into a pool of muddy water during the Community Learning Campus's second annual Mud Run on the Olds College campus on Sept. 7.

Police go over RPP stats for first quarter

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury RCMP's Annual Regional Performance Plan (RPP) is well underway, as the first quarter statistics - which follow the April 1 to March 31 fiscal year - have been compiled, according to Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The detachment received various priorities that each municipality in its jurisdiction would like to see officers focus on, and from those, Jacobson compiled the top three priorities, namely community visibility, contributing to safe roads, and reducing drug abuse.

"What we do is as the year progresses, we see where we stand related to our goals and we'll adjust our priorities

towards what we need to do to make sure we're doing everything we can to meet our goals that we've set here," said Jacobson.

Officers have been working towards making patrols in Cremona, with an annual goal set at 250, and 37 patrols made in the first quarter.

"So that's certainly something where we're looking at trying to increase the number of patrols we're getting out to the Cremona area there," he said, noting that the Airdrie Integrated Traffic Unit of the Airdrie RCMP Detachment has also been making patrols there, as part of the traffic services it provides.

He said one patrol made out there by the ITU on a Sunday afternoon turned

up one impaired driver who "blew over 200, so they've had significant success being in that area, so we should see an increase of being in that area to help our detachment meet those goals."

Their statistics are not included in his compiled statistics, he noted.

The RCMP also have an annual goal of 300 combined bar walks, foot patrols and school visits, with 95 being completed already in this quarter.

"Contributing to road safety, this year we've got a focus on speed, intersections, stop signs and seatbelts, with a goal of 400 tickets or written warnings and we had 79 in our first quarter," he said.

Police also have a goal of 200 school zone patrols and

have completed 62 so far.

"Certainly a good start to that year. I know we're pretty much getting members out on a daily basis in one of the school zones in our patrol area."

There is an annual goal of 30 drug-related charges or warnings, and police have given five so far.

Police have also set a goal of making 15 drug presentations in area schools, including the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) program, and there have been 14 made in Carstairs by the enhanced member to date.

"So that's well on track, but we're hoping to get our liaison members into the various schools to do additional presentations outside the DARE program end of things

as well.

"We'll definitely exceed that target this year, given the DARE program that is taking place."

He noted the enhanced position in Carstairs has greatly benefited the community in both safety, crime prevention and community education in the area.

"Certainly with the enhanced member, when he's working shifts, his shifts are done directly in Carstairs, focused on any calls that come in for service in Carstairs, plus specifically being proactive in Carstairs."

He has already held four assemblies at Hugh Sutherland School, addressing common issues that students may face both at school and out of school, he added.

Dog beating

Police received reports of a younger male beating a dog on the 2300 block of 21 Street on Thursday, Aug. 29, according to police.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said patrols were immediately made following the report from a resident who had stopped to ask what was going on, and was told by the male to mind their own business.

He added that based on the alleged conversation between the two, the male appeared to have been disciplining the dog in a way that asserted his dominance.

"Because we did not locate them we were not able to obtain their version of events," said Jacobson, noting that the dog was described as a large mastiff-like breed. The male was wearing a grey shirt, and was accompanied by a female in a yellow shirt.

"Certainly if anybody knows who these individuals are we would be interested in speaking to them," he noted.

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Bike stolen

A mountain bike was stolen from a property on the 1500 block of 21 Avenue sometime between 9 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, Aug. 30, said Jacobson.

It is described as a green, youth-sized, Canadian Tire-brand mountain bike, he noted.

He asked that if anybody sees it around town to let police know so they can return it to its rightful owners.

Gas stolen

Between 150 and 200 litres of diesel was stolen from a truck that was parked at the UFA between Aug. 31 at 10:30 a.m. and Sept 2 at 3 p.m., say police.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said the fuel was likely siphoned and added that the matter is still under investigation.

School zone rules

Now that school is back in full swing, RCMP

and town bylaw officers have been making routine patrols through school zones in town, said Jacobson.

Officers noticed an issue very early, namely that vehicles were illegally parking by the yellow curbs that run along 23 Street in front of Ross Ford Elementary, he said.

Last Thursday, Sept. 5, officers went out and educated drivers parked in that zone from 8 to 8:30 a.m., reminding people who are coming to drop their kids off that there is no stopping or parking where the curbs are painted yellow.

"There may be some misconception in the ability to stop there," he said.

"The reason they can't is the safety of those using the crosswalk. People who park in that yellow zone reduce the visibility of those crossing the street."

It is also a concern for youth safety and police don't want people parking there for that reason, he added.

"I think everyone can understand our concern in enforcing these rules," he said.

He said RCMP will continue to patrol that area, but soon officers will be handing out tickets rather than educational warnings - which generally amount to \$57 fines.

"With the start of the school year is a good time to get the message across...The visibility is significantly improved when there's nobody parked in those zones, so we want to make sure people are recognizing the importance of that," he concluded.

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The lots are located on Poplar Ridge Close, by 31st Street, and the minimum bids range from \$25,300 to \$20,000, according to town documentation.

There is also another property located on 19th Street and 12th Avenue that will be in the public auction for the same reason. Bids on that property will be starting with a minimum bid of \$232,240.

Nita Bartholow, chief financial officer for the town, said each of the properties has a different amount of outstanding taxes owed by the owners to the municipality and the sale will help to remediate the losses taken by the town.

The minimum bids are generally about a third of what the properties are valued at in the 2013 tax assessment.

The auction will take place on Monday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m., and those interested in taking part can call the town office for more details.

Ride for Dad

Town officials will soon be meeting with Ride for Dad officials to discuss the various ways that the town can show its support for the cancer-awareness charity, while at the same time promoting the fact that Didsbury was the birthplace of the Alberta Rural

Council briefs

KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Ride for Dad, said Wittal.

"We'll be trying to meet with them and set up something of a committee of members between council and their organization to look at some opportunities as for how we can help grow and promote that," he said.

"There's public awareness there from a health perspective, and it's also got some very strong economic development possibilities for the community."

Road request

One town resident and one county resident recently requested town council consider splitting the cost to install an asphalt road leading to their properties on the far-west side of town, say officials.

The two residents, Marty Sheridan and Peter Tanasiychuk, decided to offer to pay 40 per cent of the costs and asked the town to cover the remaining 60 per cent of the cost of the road.

The total cost would be \$31,612, but council decided not to make a decision on the work at this point, because the money is sim-

ply not available in this year's budget, according to Mayor Brian Wittal.

"It's something we're not going to be looking at right now," said Wittal.


"It looks like it will be brought before the new council as a request for consideration in next year's budget to see if that's something they want to look at doing. I would suspect, but it wasn't going to be handled by this council with the previous budget because we didn't have anything allocated for it."

Communities of Distinction

The camera crew for *Communities of Distinction* came through town recently, filming town events and capturing some of the sights and sounds that Didsbury has to offer.

Wittal said that the crew has since returned to their studio, where they will be editing the video and preparing it for a first draft, which he expects to be receiving in the near future.

The finished product will be aired on networks in Canada and the U.S., highlighting some of the many advantages to living the small-town life.



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Big plans for the Artisan Villiage this weekend

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Officials are planning some exciting attractions for the Artisan Village in the Rosebud Valley this weekend, September 14 and 15, as part of the Mountain View Arts Festival, according to officials.

The Sons of Fenrir, warring Viking re-enactors, will be coming to camp out at the village, and there is also another Viking group coming that focuses more on crafting, says Kathleen Windsor, president of the Mountain View Arts

Society.

"Last year, kids and adults and the Didsbee joined in on learning the art of war, and they'll be able to do that again this year," she said, adding that kids can come and learn how to decorate their own Viking shields and take them home.

There will also be live entertainment on the Calgary Stampede Stage, from Dani-Lynn, Ruth Purves-Smith, Dwain Sands and Tracie Skeet-Brook, to Mersaiah the belly dancer.

"So that's ongoing entertainment between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday," she noted.

At the library tent, kids will be able to play some games, get their faces painted, and Mary Hays will also be telling stories.

"There's also Recycle Town, which is new, and it gives kids a chance to understand a bit of architecture, but they also can paint and draw and glue boxes, Styrofoam and cans and things, so it will be a collaborative effort to build a town out of recycled materials."

Last year, the society introduced Tintamareski, which are

the painted boards that people can stick their heads into and have their photos taken.

"Last year we introduced the Queen and her corgie, and Prince William and Kate."

"This year we are adding to the family with Vikings."

"And there's also a dress-up station so kids can dress up as queens and kings and Vikings."

There will be a teddy bear picnic both days –

so kids should bring their teddies – and another new exhibit, called *It's an Honour!* will be on display.

The 1,000-square-foot tractor trailer mobile museum contains displays of the Victoria Cross, the Order of Canada, military decorations and decorations for bravery.

"It's a great big truck full of interpretive panels and historic artifacts. Chris Hadfield's astro-

naut uniform will be on it, along with a hologram message from (him)," she said.

Overall, she is excited for the festival and said people should spend the weekend in town and "totally immerse themselves in the arts, culture and heritage that is Didsbury and Mountain View County."

"Music, dancing, writing, painting, visual arts and photography – you name it, we've got it."



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One attendee at last year's festival got his face painted in the Artisan Village, which is once again going to be chock full of a variety of vendors, activities, and attractions this weekend.

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Editorial

Green-goers, meet real pollution

So everybody's heard about the evil CO2 and methane gas. Everybody's heard about oil spills. Everybody's been hearing about chemical pollutants making their way into our groundwater through various means.

The mainstream news outlets do their duty and talk about these things and suggest solutions to these problems.

That's great; we need to talk about the issues that have been ignored for so long by the general public, due to either people not caring or not knowing.

But how many have been talking about the radiation leaking from the nuclear power plant, Fukushima Daiichi, which was rocked by a massive earthquake and consequent tsunami over two years ago?

Now, I know this may sound a little far-out, perhaps heretical to the green-goers, but there are much bigger problems facing humanity than 'going green' at the moment.

The Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) has recently estimated that between 20 trillion and 40 trillion becquerels (units of radioactivity representing decay per second) of radioactive tritium have leaked into the ocean since the disaster, according to the Japanese newspaper *Asahi Shimbun*.

The Fukushima plant is still leaking about 300 tons of radioactive water into the ocean each and every day, according to Japanese government officials.

Now, in this industry, I've had to learn how to prioritize. I'm going to suggest we prioritize stopping the astounding flow of radiation into our ocean.

I know there are some issues that we as a civilization and a race need to face up to. Yeah, we definitely need to bring the forests back to life and watch how many toxins we release into the environment.

Yes, there are problems with acid rain due to toxic emissions from both automobiles and industrial processes. And yes, there is indisputable climate change that we have to start dealing with as a planet.

But the ocean is our lifeblood. It is key in the ecosystem, from rain to food to temperature control. The priority here should lie in keeping that lifeblood running clean.

I'm sure there are some people that may enjoy the perks of having a three-eyed fish. I've heard fish eyes are considered a delicacy in some parts of the world, but the radioactive contamination of our seafood is not worth it.

Radiation from Fukushima is expected to reach the West Coast of North America by 2017, and if the runoff keeps getting dumped, we may have a problem of epic proportions on our hands.

I don't know what we can really do about it, but I'm sure if the international community had pooled the resources at its disposal, the problem would have been solved already.

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, nearly two and a half years after the tsunami, the Nuclear Regulation Authority – Japan's nuclear regulator – approved a 3,695-page plan that lays out everything that TEPCO will be doing to clean up and dismantle the crippled plant, such as the procedures it will follow, the equipment it will use, and supervision needed to ensure everything goes safely.

Let's all hope and pray that TEPCO gets this mess cleaned up properly.

The world was almost completely irradiated following the Chernobyl disaster back in 1986, which was then labelled the most serious radiological event in the history of mankind.

Many officials say that Fukushima is already much worse, and even if TEPCO succeeds in safely decommissioning the plant, what of the glowing ocean that we as a race will have to deal with going forward?



KEVIN VINK



Letter to the editor

AHS placement transfers cause mental distress

Our mom has lived in Mountain View County all her life. She lived in the Kinsmen Manor for six years, and had her name on the wait list for Didsbury Aspen Lodge for those years with no success of accommodation.

With failing health in 2011, she was unable to continue to live at the manor. Family advocates arranged for accommodation at the Mount View Lodge in Olds in February, 2012.

We now found out that this was crossing the region boundary to come back to Didsbury, but were not informed of that. With excellent care and compassion there, her health improved with family and friends close by to lift her spirits for one and a half years.

On June 28, mom ended up in Olds hospital's emergency room with heart and lung failure, and she insisted on staying in acute care until she could recover, even though the doctor on call wanted to send her back to the lodge.

Over the past nine weeks in acute care, mom's health deteriorated to the point of being deemed long term.

Family members met with Olds Home Care Placement coordinator on July 23rd to fill out an application for long-term supportive living 4 care. Mom was not in any condition at that time to concentrate to hear what was being proposed.

With power of attorney and personal directive authority, we proceeded with the papers, so that she could move within a 100-kilometre radius in the Central Health Region.

On Monday, Aug. 2, we were

advised by her doctor that the 100-km radius had been lifted and she would stay in Olds Acute Care until a long-term bed became available in Olds.

We have a letter from Alberta Health Services confirming that mission statement, dated June 18.

We then received a letter from Alberta Health Services that mom was approved for supportive living level 4 care on Aug. 6, and would have to go to the next available bed within the 100-km radius!

Does no one know what the other is doing?

Upon discussing the matter with Continuing Care Placement in Red Deer regarding the rescinded 100-km policy, it was said that they had no direction from the government to change it, so they were following old protocol.

I informed both Olds and Red Deer to put it on record that mom was not to be moved out of Olds without our input and further contact.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, Olds Home Care Placement informed mom, before family, that she will be moved to Lacombe on Thursday, Aug. 22 by 10 a.m. by the family!

48-hours notice!

Family were then contacted to have her moved out by Aug. 22. In conversation with a hospital nurse in Continuing Care, she agreed mom could go by ambulance and we could follow her there.

This was all very unacceptable, so the family decided to take action. Through many phone calls to Care Managers, the Minister of

Health's office, Patient Relations Office, meeting with MLAs, and being loud, we received a phone call from Olds Care Manager indicating Mom wouldn't have to move to Lacombe after all, as the 100-km radius had just been changed to 80-km, effective that day!

Are you kidding me? When in fact, a letter from Alberta Health Services indicated that the rule had been lifted June 18. At this point, we have nothing in writing on the 80-km radius change.

Alberta Health Services' (AHS) mission statement, as printed on letterhead, is:

- 1 - Putting patients first.
- 2 - More than just health care; maintain a quality of life Albertans deserve.
- 3 - Want seniors to age alongside the ones they love. Continuing care placement must start with supporting seniors close to home, to engage the community in changing conditions.
- 4 - Provide a patient-focused, quality health system accessible for all Albertans.

In summation, we have a pyramid system in AHS that has developed issues getting the mission statement through to managers at our level.

Albertans, we are in charge of our seniors! Speak out! We do not have to accept what is placed in front of us. Advocate for our seniors. We will all be there one day. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.

Doreen Sawatzky,
Didsbury

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Heritage Crossing water plans finalized

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The issue of how to run town water into the Heritage Crossing condominiums, which are currently being constructed, has been solved following a recent meeting between developer Morris Monk and members of town council.

Monk had originally asked the town to help pay for necessary upgrades to water lines, but after consultation with CAO Roy Brown, Deputy Mayor Rick Mousseau, and Mayor Brian Wittal, Monk decided to pay to run a split from the line running underneath 20th Street, and

bring it to the utility room of his development.

Wittal said Monk wanted to bring in water from lines to the east of his building, due to how the building was designed.

"An option that we looked at was eventually the town needs to run a new line up the street on the west side, up three or four blocks to improve for fire services in the future," said Wittal.

That option would have taken a considerable amount of work and cost Monk more, he added.

"But then it would mean the town would have to put in some money for putting that line in and that's a three- to five-year project down the road, so for us that

probably wasn't the preferred route either.

"The end result was he decided he would bring the separate line in from 20th Street. He's responsible for the cost of the excavation and everything else to do that."

Council approved that plan at the last council meeting on Aug. 27, and though it was approved, the water line will likely not be installed until the building is closer to completion, he said.

"I imagine it will be next year sometime, because they won't need water until they're close to having the building completed really, so I can't see them wanting to do that right now."

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, September 12 at 4:30 pm.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY: Monday, September 9, 2013 at 10:00 am.

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ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	September	October
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Dated at Didsbury, Alberta July 30, 2013.

Roy Brown, Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor and Council invite you to attend **Showcase Didsbury - A Celebration of Our Community** on September 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Didsbury Curling Club. This event will showcase our community's service clubs, sports organizations, church groups, support groups, special interest clubs and other such organizations.

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No gaps in police service: RCMP officials

Carstairs buying house to expedite police transfer

BY PAUL EVEREST
MVP Staff

Although the Town of Carstairs has resorted to buying a house in order to bring two RCMP officers to the area to bolster sagging police numbers in Didsbury, the commanders of the Olds and Didsbury RCMP detachments say they are having no trouble maintaining constant police coverage of their communities.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson, commander of the Didsbury RCMP detachment, would not provide numbers on what constitutes a full roster of officers at his station but said there are enough police to service the Didsbury community.

"We continue to maintain efficient and effective police service," he said.

Staff Sgt. Joe Sangster, commander of the

Olds detachment, said while his detachment is at full strength and capable of providing round-the-clock police service, there are a number of members on the verge of transferring out of the area.

But anyone who is leaving is being replaced.

"We're in good shape," he said, adding some members are waiting for replacements to arrive and some are waiting for their homes to sell.

"There's always challenges with regards to manpower. People are going and while they're being transferred out, it may be a little slow in somebody else's household. But there will be no gaps. We'll be taking care of business."

Full strength for the Olds detachment is 11 constables, two corporals and one staff sergeant.

But Carstairs mayor Lance Colby confirmed the

Town of Carstairs has put a conditional offer on a home owned by two RCMP officers living in Cardston, a town roughly 80 kilometres southwest of Lethbridge, who are transferring into the Olds and Didsbury detachments.

He said staffing issues at the Didsbury detachment are putting pressure on an "enhanced" police officer dedicated to Carstairs and when Carstairs council approached the RCMP about why it was taking so long for the officers from Cardston to transfer to this area, it was told the couple was having trouble selling their home.

In order to deal with police staffing issues in Didsbury and thereby reduce pressure on the Carstairs enhanced officer, which the town agreed to pay for last year and who is based out of the Didsbury detachment, council voted 6-1 on Aug. 26 to approve a bylaw that will allow the town to borrow \$230,000 from ATB Financial to purchase the Cardston couple's home.

Sangster said it is the "norm" for RCMP officers to sell the home in their current community before carrying out a transfer to a new community.

Colby said the town expects to learn this week whether the conditional offer is accepted and once the town buys the house, it will turn around and sell it to recoup the money it spent on the purchase.

"We're hoping it becomes a no-cost (purchase)" he said.

The town will only pay interest on the loan until it has recovered the principal once the house in Cardston is sold.

The term of the loan is five years.

Colby said "there is no precedent" for a community buying a home belonging to police in another town in order to expedite the arrival of officers transferring to that community.

He added, however, that the town made the decision to buy the house in the interest of safety in the community.

"In our view, it's a means to solve a problem that could affect our town. That's the same reason we purchased the enhanced officer because we don't want our place to suffer because of something that could be very minor and very low in cost."

If the town's purchase offer is approved, the officers would arrive in this area within 30 days, Colby said.

The husband is slated to go to Didsbury and the wife will go to Olds.

Sangster said the Olds, Didsbury and Sundre RCMP detachments are frequently rotating members among those communities to cover any shifts that may be open.

And although he added Didsbury is having some challenges covering shifts, staffing issues in that community are not putting any pressure on the Olds detachment.

"Right now, there's no burden on my detachment to cover off for Didsbury," he said. "They're doing their thing."

Members will generally stay in one community between three and five years, Sangster said.

It is common, he added, for officers to move on between four-and-a-half and five years and many members at the Olds detachment are coming up to that time.

"For me, being the manager, it's a little bit of a challenge to juggle things to make sure that service is still provided," Sangster said. "But it will be provided. And if I have to get in a police car and go take calls, I will do that."

Jacobson would not comment on any staffing issues at his detachment.

With a file from Kevin Vink
peverest@olds.greatwest.ca

Town of Didsbury 2013 Municipal Election

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 26)

Local Jurisdiction: The Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 23, 2013 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Number
Mayor	1	N/A
Councillor	6	N/A
Trustee (Chinook's Edge Public School)	1	#73
Trustee (Red Deer Regional Catholic Separate School)	1	#39

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office: Town of Didsbury Administration Office, 2037—19th Avenue, Didsbury AB

Nomination packages may be picked up at the Town Office.

A nomination fee of \$100.00 is required with nomination papers.

DATED at the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, this 9th day of September, 2013.

Luana G. Smith
Chief Returning Officer

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WHERE: Ross Ford Elementary School

TIME: 6:00 to 8:30 pm

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Colts lose in their first exhibition game

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts took on the Stettler Lightning last Friday night in their first exhibition game in Didsbury, and it didn't fare well for the Colts, as they lost 6-1.

Assistant Coach Brent Youngs said he credits the loss to having many rookies and younger players playing that night, but there were some upsidies to the loss.

"It was our first game so it was tough on the boys, but we had a lot of our rookies in - a lot of first-year kids that we're still evaluating," said Youngs.

"This is their first time on the ice in a game situation, so it wasn't a great game, but we saw a lot of positives out of it."

It gave coaches a good chance to evaluate the rookies, as the team still needs to make some cuts before the official season starts up later this month, he said.

"We're seeing who fits in. Not so much organizing lines as of yet, but seeing the guys who can fit and maybe stick with the team."

The first period was slow for the Colts, but they only came out of it two goals down, with Ty Sawatzky, a new player goaltending, he said.

The second period they came out stronger, but the Lightning was able to take advantage of a few bounces, and the Colts weren't able to grab onto the chances they got.

The third period was much of the same, with the Colts trying hard, but just getting dominated by a more mature team, he added.

"The boys, I really think overall, we just have to work together. Stettler had a lot more maturity and they had a lot more veterans in the lineup than we did."

Lightning head coach Doug Smith confirmed that "it was kind of a little bit of a mismatch, in that we were a fairly veteran hockey club tonight."

"The boys, I really think overall, we just have to work together. Stettler had a lot more maturity and they had a lot more veterans in the lineup than we did."

BRENT YOUNGS
Assistant Coach,
Mountainview Colts

"We didn't have too many new guys on the lineup and we had a few guys gone for work so it made for kind of a concentrated lineup for us."

He noted he knew the team would show well tonight because there are many new players trying out during the pre-season.

There were also many players on his team that had previously played together, whether as Lightning players or midget players, and they all seem to be working well together so far.

"You could tell they knew where the puck was going and how to read off of each other very well," he said.

"So it was good to see though. There are a lot of things that we're really keying on this year to be able to contend with some of the better teams in our league, and we're going to try to do those things right from

our very first game."

There were a few newer players on defence that night for the Lightning, and he said they were pretty solid and seem to be fitting into the team well.

To keep updated on the Colts' playing schedule, visit (www.mountainviewcolts.ca).



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

One of the Colts rushes in to try to grab the puck from a Stettler player.



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Ty Sawatzky (#9) considers his options in Stettler's end of the rink during the third period.

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GARAGE SALE

1721-17 St., Didsbury

Sept. 13-15

Fri. & Sat. 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sun. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closing out a house: ornaments, china, pictures, household items, some furniture, Xmas decorations and more - double garage is full.

1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted

DIDSBURY CURLING CLUB requires Cleaner, Ice Maker and Bar/Kitchen position is available. Call Jen 403-335-3753

GENERAL FARM WORKER (Field and Vegetable Crop Labourer) needed for Cameron Buschert, Dawn Buschert, Glenalta Farms \$10.00 to \$15.00 hourly 40.00hrs/week. This is a seasonal position from January to October 2014. Send resumes: Box 11 Site1, RR2, Didsbury, AB. T0M 0W0; apply by email: glenalta.farms.jobs@canadaemail.net or by fax to 403-335-3429

3110. Houses For Rent

FOR RENT 2 BDRM. plus den on 3 acres in town, also has 24x24 shop. \$1250/mth. plus util. 403-615-8611 or email: scott@simonrealestate.ca

3135. Suites For Rent

MAIN FLOOR BUNGALOW. 2 bedrooms, fridge, stove, washer, dryer. Central location Downtown. \$950/month - Utilities included. Available Oct. 1/13 403-638-1533

3170. Duplex/4 Plex for Rent

1 YEAR OLD, THREE Bdrm. Duplex for rent in Didsbury. 1100sq ft. 2 bathrooms finished basement, gas fireplace, 5 appliances, microwave, No Pets, No Smoking. Available October 1st. \$1250.00/mth. Security Deposit \$1250. 403-559-9717

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1513 - 16 Street



Close to new high school, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, great covered back deck, small green house, patio and fire pit.

\$179,900

1331 - 21 Street



1891 sq. ft. home, 5 bedrooms up, newer siding and shingles, double garage, large lot, needs some work but priced right.

\$179,900

9.49 Acres, Town of Didsbury



Almost 3000 sq ft of house, vaulted ceilings, hot tub, in-floor heat on main, no basement, subdivision and/or business potential

\$599,900

105 Morris Place



1392 sq ft, high ceilings, granite counters, slate and hardwood floors, 2+2 bedrooms, 3 baths, great view to the west

\$369,900

13 Bluebird Drive



1331 sq. ft. fully finished, 3+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, walkout bsm., open plan, great kitchen

\$329,900

2.67 Acres near Didsbury



1392 sq ft character home, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, laminate, newer furnace, older barn, beautiful well treed yard site, 1 mile from town.

\$329,900

2102 - 16 Avenue



Well-kept property, 1309 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, oversized double garage with wood stove heated workshop area, centrally located.

\$209,900

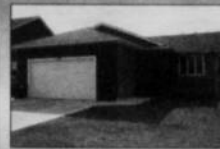
15 Miltford Lane, Carstairs



The "Villas at Parkview Estates". Lovely 50+ unit, fully finished, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, 2 bdrms, 2 dens, 2 baths, heated single garage, covered patio, great location.

\$259,900

126 Valarosa Drive



Family Friendly Home! 3 + 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, oak kitchen, large island w/eating bar, in-floor heat, covered rear deck, backs onto trees.

\$339,900

305 Westhill Close



1400+ sq. ft., 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, hardwood, tile, granite counter tops, fully finished, in floor heat in basement, covered deck, double garage.

\$339,900

The Porch Boyz



"We're just NUTS about selling houses!"

2102 - 18 Avenue



Great starter or revenue home, recent bathroom upgrades, gas fireplace in living room, basement family room, 24 x 24 garage, corner lot.

\$185,000

1203 - 21 Street



Large bungalow (1418 sq. ft.), tons of upgrades inside and out, suite potential in basement with separate entrance, oversized double heated garage, beautiful large south-facing deck.

\$269,900

9 Westhill Crescent



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Over 1800 sq. ft. on the main floor, 2 gas fireplaces, super oak kitchen, ceramic tile floors, bubble jet tub, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, backs onto large park.

\$265,900

4.87 Acres 8 mi. west of Didsbury



2000+ sq. ft. home, oversized dbl. att. heated garage, oversized dbl. det. heated garage, 40x60 heated metal shop, 50x60 heated quonset, 40x60 Butler building, much, much more!

\$675,000

1509 Walter Place



Fully finished 3 level split, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, oak kitchen, vaulted ceilings, large lot with deck, fully fenced, double garage.

\$284,900

3 Idaho Place, Carstairs



2100 sq ft, many recent upgrades, new windows, siding, roof, & more, large deck, hot tub, wood stove, new hardwood on upper floor, great location

\$334,789

2022 - 16 Avenue



3+1 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, great floor plan, gorgeous maple kitchen renovation, all new main bath, newer roof & siding, located on quiet street

\$279,900

3 McClung Gate, Carstairs



Lovely and affordable new 2 storey, 3 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, laminate floors, walk-in closet in master, large double garage, 4 stainless steel appliances

\$339,900

73 Deer Coulee Drive



Nicest lot in Didsbury to build your dream home, very large potential walkout lot, gorgeous coulee view, paved walking trail behind, no GST on purchase price.

\$134,900

1418 - 18 Avenue



1435 sq. ft., 2+2 bdrms, 3 baths, hardwood, gorgeous oak kitchen, main floor laundry, gas fireplace, newer bent finishing, huge lot, oversized heated dbl garage/shop.

\$284,500

3 Westwood Drive



GREAT LOCATION! 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, sunken living room with fireplace, oversized double detached garage.

\$239,900

2102 - 21 Avenue



Elegant and Functional! Lovely 5 bdrm custom built w/ 3 baths, beautiful hardwood, hickory kitchen, theatre room with tiered seating, double garage, huge lot.

\$354,900

2233 - 19 Ave., Bowden



Well kept and immaculate one-owner home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 22 X 22 garage, gas fireplace, beautiful large yard

\$215,000

18 Westpoint Drive



Gorgeous custom home, open plan, hardwood, oak kitchen, large island, 2 gas fireplaces, in-floor heat, 2 tiered deck with gazebos, great location.

\$369,900

1803 - 17 Street



College Green condo villa, 1200 sq ft, fully finished, 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, double garage, reasonable condo fees.

\$224,900